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*FEED MOLASSES (MINIMUM 79.5 BRIX, 43% SUGARS, EXCEPT WHERE NOTED)
WHOLESALE PRICES, TANK CAR OR TRUCK, FOB TERMINAL, PROMPT DELIVERY 1/*

Prices for sugarcane molasses were unchanged. Domestic supplies were moderate to heavy and demand was light to moderate. Some Florida mills are nearing the end of their production season but a few will continue production into April. Heavy rains during the latter portion of the Texas harvest pushed their production season into April as well.

Feed Molasses (minimum 79.5 brix, 43% sugars, except where noted) wholesale prices, tank car or truck, fob terminal, prompt delivery, dollars/ton, 1/

Type and Market Area	As of Noon: 04/07/2003	Last Week 03/31/2003	Last Year 04/08/02
Cane Blackstrap			
New Orleans	60.00	60.00	65.00-70.00 mostly 65.00
Houston	65.00	65.00	70.00
South Florida	67.50	67.50	77.50
Savannah (46% Sugars)	82.00	82.00	87.50
Baltimore/Philadelphia	82.50	82.50	90.00
Upper Mississippi River			
Distribution Points*	80.00-85.00	80.00-85.00	85.00
Los Angeles (48% Sugars)	80.00	80.00	87.50
Stockton (48% Sugars)	80.00	80.00	87.50

1/ Per ton prices are based on 171 gallons for blackstrap molasses. To compute cents per gallon prices on cane molasses divide dollars per ton by 171 gallons (\$ per ton divided by 171 gallons = cents per gallon). Ton- 2,000 lbs; Gallon= U.S. gallon.

Prices represent sales fob terminal to the general feed trade in the respective areas but do not necessarily reflect sales to other trade areas.

* Includes the major Upper Mississippi river tributaries with the exception of the Missouri River.

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U.S. SUGAR SUPPLY AND USE BY BEET PROCESSORS, FY 2001

DECEMBER - FY 2003

TABLE 2. U.S. SUGAR SUPPLY AND USE BY BEET PROCESSORS, FISCAL YEAR 2003 1/
(SHORT TONS, RAW VALUE)

ITEM	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	1ST QTR
BEGINNING STOCKS	430,896	663,993	1,002,069	430,896
BEET SUGAR PRODUCTION	617,316	687,136	655,250	1,959,703
BEETS SLICED (NET TONS)	4,625,691	5,041,847	4,741,517	14,409,055
SUPPLY	1,048,212	1,351,129	1,657,319	2,390,599
TOTAL EXPORTS	12	8	18	38
TOTAL DELIVERIES	368,749	343,969	303,189	1,015,906
ALCOHOL NON-HUMAN USE	113	69	23	205
LIVESTOCK FEED	237	60	78	375
DOMESTIC HUMAN CONSUMPTION 2/	368,398	343,840	303,089	1,015,327
MISCELLANEOUS	15,459	5,084	2,625	23,168
INVENTORY ADJUSTMENT 3/	6,199	2,842	406	9,447
SHIPMENTS LESS RECEIPTS 4/	9,260	2,241	2,220	13,721
USE	384,220	349,060	305,833	1,039,112
ENDING STOCKS	663,993	1,002,069	1,351,486	1,351,486

1/ NUMBERS MAY NOT ADD DUE TO ROUNDING. DATA FOR COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION ARE INCLUDED.

2/ MAY INCLUDE SOME CANE SUGAR AND SUGAR-CONTAINING RE-EXPORT PROGRAM SUGAR.

3/ DATA FOR DAMAGED REFINED CRYSTALLINE ARE INCLUDED.

4/ REFLECTS SHIPMENTS OF SUGAR BY PROCESSORS TO OTHER PROCESSORS AND REFINERS, LESS RECEIPTS OF SUCH SHIPMENTS.